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	10/531,442	HONG ET AL.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *08 May 2007*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-14* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) *5-12* is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-4,13 and 14* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim (US 6624871), in view of Morozumi (US 4862237).

Kim discloses the limitations of:

Claim 1. A thin film transistor array panel comprising: a gate wire formed on the substrate and including a gate line (31L, fig. 4A) and a gate electrode (31G, fig. 4A) connected to the gate line; a gate insulating layer (32, fig. 4A) formed on the gate line; a semiconductor layer (33, fig. 4A) formed on the gate insulating layer; a data wire formed on the semiconductor layer and including a data line (35L, fig. 4A) intersecting the gate line, a source electrode (35S, fig. 4A) connected to the data line, and a drain electrode (35D, fig. 4A) located opposite the source electrode with respect to the gate electrode; a pixel electrode (37, fig. 4A) connected to the drain electrode; and an etching assistant pattern (39, fig. 4A) made of the same layer as the semiconductor pattern(the photoresist 39 is the etching assistant pattern over the 31G and semiconductor pattern is the pattern to the left; which is of the same material) and located out of an area (out of the area due to the pattern does not cover the gate line) defined by intersections of the gate line and the data line (col. 4, lns. 58).

Claim 2. The thin film transistor array panel of claim 1, wherein the data wire comprises a lower film of Cr, Mo or Mo ally and an upper film of Al or Al ally (col. 4, lns. 28-31).

Claim 3. The thin film transistor array panel of claim 2, further comprising a passivation layer (36, fig. 4A) disposed between the data wire and the pixel electrode.

Claim 4. The thin film transistor array panel of claim 3, wherein the semiconductor layer has substantially the same planar shape as the data wire except for a channel portion located between the data line and the drain electrode.

13. The thin film transistor array panel of claim 1, wherein the etching assistant pattern is located outside of a pixel area.

14. The thin film transistor array panel of claim 1, wherein the etching assistant pattern is formed directly on the gate insulating layer.

3. Kim, as indicated above, discloses all the features of the claims except:

Claim 1: an insulating substrate.

a. However, Morozumi discloses:

an insulating substrate (col. 6, ln. 66 – col. 7, ln. 4).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the substrate in Kim, with the insulating substrate as taught by Morozumi, because blooming and smear can be avoided.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 5/8/07, pertaining to claims 1-4, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues that the prior art of record does not

teach or suggest, an etching assistant pattern located out of an area defined by intersections of the gate line and the data line, as in claim 1. The claim language, an etching assistant pattern... and located out of an area defined by intersections of the gate line and the data line, only requires that the etching assistant pattern is located out of the area defined. However, the wording does not preclude the etching assistant pattern from being in the intersection also. Additionally, the applicant is advised that claims in a pending application should be given their broadest reasonable interpretation. *In re Pearson*, 181 USPQ 641 (CCPA 1974).

Conclusion

2. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ron E. Pompey whose telephone number is (571) 272-1680. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM - 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael S. Lebentritt can be reached on (571) 272-1873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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